

Case Study Guidelines for the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI)

Introduction

The *Satoyama* Initiative aims to conserve sustainable human-influenced natural environments (Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes; SEPL) through broader global recognition of their value. The partnership, IPSI, comprises organisations committed to support SEPL for the benefit of biodiversity and human well-being through the implementation of their respective activities.

Collection and sharing of case studies, examples of successful implementation of SEPL, knowledge and other relevant information, among IPSI members as well as policy makers and a wider audience would help enhance understanding and raise awareness of their importance. Such sharing would also ensure that the *Satoyama* Initiative benefits from the strengths and experiences of the various participating organisations.

The guidelines below are designed to help authors gather sufficient information for IPSI case studies. However, as IPSI is in its initial stages of development, any comments and questions you may have on this document will help in further developing these guidelines. Please send in your suggestions to isi@ias.unu.edu

What is an IPSI Case Study?

By rebuilding harmonious relationships between humans and nature, the *Satoyama* Initiative expects to contribute to slowing the escalating loss of biodiversity worldwide, with the dual impacts of retaining and enhancing the biodiversity found in SEPL and promoting sustainable use of natural resources.

Securing synergies and complementarities among organisations, maximisation of resources and mutual strengthening of respective activities are also expected under IPSI.

Thus, case studies must take at least one following into account¹;

- Useful information on effective approaches for replication that address benefits to biodiversity and human well-being or long-term interactions between humans and nature
- Tools or guidelines that contribute to fostering synergies in the implementation of IPSI members' activities

¹ *The collection and sharing of case studies was initiated in accordance with the Satoyama Initiative's three-fold approach, namely: (1) Consolidating wisdom on securing diverse ecosystem services and values (2) Integrating traditional ecological knowledge and modern science to promote innovations (3) Exploring new forms of co-management systems or evolving frameworks of 'commons' while respecting traditional communal land tenure*

Thus, all case studies must take these approaches into account. In following the above approach, the maintenance and rebuilding of SEPLs in various localities should entail five ecological and socio-economic perspectives: (1) Resource use within the carrying capacity and resilience of the environment (2) Cyclic use of natural resources, (3) Recognition of the value and importance of local traditions and cultures (4) Multi-stakeholder participation and collaboration in sustainable and multi-functional management of natural resources and ecosystem services, and (5) Contributions to sustainable socio-economies including poverty reduction, food security, sustainable livelihood and local community empowerment

Case study formats

All case studies should be in accordance with the objectives of case study collection as mentioned above. However, recognising that organisations have diverse ways of working, formats of case studies may include but are not limited to the list below.

1. Useful information on effective approaches for replication that address benefit to biodiversity and human well-being or long-term interactions between humans and nature:

Reports, documents, project outcomes including working papers and newsletters that focus on (a) biodiversity and socio-economic activities, (b) traditional sustainable landscapes created through an inter-relationship between nature and human activities, and (c) locally appropriate success stories, good practices as well as effective communication of information and lessons learned for replication that are relevant to SEPL.

2. Tools or guidelines that contribute to fostering synergies in the implementation of IPSI members' activities:

Reports, documents, project outcomes including strategic plans, policy planning papers, education tools, guidelines and manuals on topics which could of benefit to IPSI members such as (a) effective approaches in integrating and aligning biodiversity concerns with national, local and sector-related development plans, priorities and policy frameworks for sustainable use, (b) effective approaches in long-term budgeting or financing for adaptation in the project area, and (c) enhancing capacity including exercises in building awareness and training of communities, relevant technical experts, government officials in the sector and other decisions makers on impacts, risks and opportunities for biodiversity, vulnerability and human well-being.

Manuscript guidelines

*To be followed where possible (*are required)*

**Title:* Specify the area of study in approximately 10 words

Author(s): Profile in approximately 50 words

**Name of organisation:* Submitting and/or implementing organisation

**Summary:* Approximately 200 words in English

**Themes:* The paper must be related to at least one of the following areas: forests, agricultural fields, grasslands, inland water systems, coastal systems, urban fringes and others

**Keywords:* 3-5 keywords

Map location: Provide accurate location (longitude and latitude or Google Map link)

**Main Body:* length of 2000 words and not exceeding 4000 words.

References: References and bibliography

Figures, tables and photos: All figures, tables and photos should be cited in the text

Website links: Related website links such as of organisations and projects

Recommendation: Citations for recommended readings related to the case study

Manuscript Format

Microsoft Word document file: Arrange all manuscript data including figures, tables and photos with captions, in one single Microsoft Word document file. Use Times New Roman font size 11; set page margin to 3.5 cm at the top, and 3 cm at the bottom, left and right sides; set number of lines to 40 per page; and set page numbers at bottom right.

JPEG files: Each figure or photo should be submitted as a separate file in JPEG format. Scale each figure or photo to 550 pixel size in width (height should be set automatically, provided that the image is scaled while retaining the existing proportions).

Language

Case studies can be written either in English, Spanish, or French, with a summary in English. The analytical work proposed by the Secretariat may focus only on case studies written in English.

Manuscripts by authors whose primary language of working is not English should be proofread by one who has a high level of proficiency in English, prior to submission.

Manuscripts should be written in accessible language and concise sentences. Technical terms or sentences that may not be familiar to laypersons should be explained.

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